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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

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1. At about 0800 on 9 August 1954, fresh imprints of tank and motor vehicle tracks were seen along the Zehlendorf-Kreuzbruch-Liebenwalde road, about 100 meters south of the bridge across the Hohenzollern Kanal near Kreuzbruch. The tracks came from a northerly direction and led southwest into the woods. Residents from Liebenwalde stated that, from about 0330 until 0730 on 9 August, many columns including a total of 30 to 40 tanks of all types, many motor vehicles towing AT guns, AA guns and field kitchens passed through Liebenwalde going from north to south. Wensickendorf residents said that troops took up quarters in the woods. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia stood in the Wensickendorf-Lehnitz road in the woods.

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2. The roads in the woods leading from the north to the south were heavily furrowed. Soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia constructed bunkers and dug in motor vehicles. On 10 August, many tank and motor vehicle tracks were seen just south of the bridge near Kreuzbruch. It was subsequently determined that the troops left the area of Bernoewe, Schmachtenhagen, Lehnitz, Zuehlsdorf and Wensickendorf. At about 0700 on 16 August, tank and motor vehicle tracks again were seen about 100 meters south of the bridge near Kreuzbruch. They came from a northerly direction and led toward the southwest. At this spot, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia directed the traffic toward the southwest.

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3. Many soldiers engaged in excavating work along the road as far as Bernoewe. Several tents and sedans were seen near Wittenberge village. Vogelsang residents said that, at about 0300 on 16 August, a column of about 30 tanks and motor vehicles left Camp Vogelsang (south of 4823) toward Krewelin. Several Liebenwalde residents observed that columns of tanks and many motor vehicles passed through Liebenwalde from north to south from about 0430 until 0700 the same day. On 17 August, fresh imprints of tank and motor vehicle tracks led from

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the woods just south of the bridge near Kreuzbruch toward the east
via the Kreuzbruch-Liebenwalde road.

Comment. Report supplements information by another source
concerning exercises by units of the 25th Tank Div east of Oranienburg.

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